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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/779,331
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Group Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	S.N. Qazi
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		
a. Previously submitted		
i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on		
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)		
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on		
iii. Other		
b. 🛛 Enclosed		
i. ⊠ Amendment/Reply		
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)		
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
iv. Other		
2.Miscellaneous		
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		
for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)		
b. Other		
3.Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
a. 🛛 Checks in the amount of \$770 and 110 are enclosed for the following fees:		
i. ☐ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.		
ii. 🛛 Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.		
b. 🗵 The Director is hereby authorized o charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to		
Deposit Account No. 11-0855		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED		
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Signature	Date May 6, 2004	
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